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SUBJECT: ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON GSP

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL
ON APPLICATION OF GSP AS PRESENTLY PROPOSED IN TITLE FIVE
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PASSED VERSION OF BILL AND DO NOT REFLECT POSSIBLE CHANGES

THAT MAY BE MADE BY THE SENATE OR IN CONFERENCE. COMMENTS
ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS IN PARA. 2 OF REFTTEL:

(A) UNDER SECTION 503, THE VALUE OF U.S.-MADE COMPONENTS
CANNOT BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE APPRAISED VALUE OF AN
ARTICLE ATTRIBUTABLE TO AN EXPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRY.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT GSP SCHEMES OF AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND,
AND JAPAN (BUT NOT THAT OF EC) ALLOW DONOR COUNTRY CONTENT
TO BE INCLUDED IN COMPUTING VALUE-ADDED REQUIREMENT.

(B) UNDER SECTION 504 (C), A BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING
COUNTRY WILL LOSE DUTY-FREE TREATMENT FOR ANY ARTICLE THAT
EXCEEDS THE 25 MILLION DOLLAR IMPORT LIMIT NO LATER THAN
60 DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE CALENDAR YEAR DURING WHICH
THE LIMIT WAS EXCEEDED, UNLESS THE PRESIDENT DETERMINES
AND PUBLISHES THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD NOT BE IN THE
NATIONAL INTEREST.

(C) MESSAGE GARBLED IN TRANSMISSION, BUT IF OUR INTER-
PRETATION OF YOUR QUESTION REGARDING SECTION 502 (A) (3)
IS CORRECT, ANSWER IS THAT IF BENEFICIARY STATUS IS
WITHDRAWN FROM ONE MEMBER STATE OF AN ASSOCIATION OF
COUNTRIES FOR TRADE PURPOSES, OTHER MEMBER STATES WOULD
SUBSEQUENTLY BE TREATED AS INDIVIDUAL BENEFICIARIES. KISSINGER

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